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MEMORANDUM

TO: Compensation Board Members

FROM: Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary

RE: Conferees Report

Attached is a spreadsheet indicating funding and language amendments recommended by the conferees to HB1650. This spreadsheet includes items that impact Constitutional Officers and the Compensation Board, as well as items impacting us indirectly. A summary of these items is as follows:

- All constitutional officers and their employees are included in Central Accounts language and funding that provides for a salary increase of 4% on December 1, 2007. This is an increase of 1% over existing language and funding in the budget bill, and this is the same level of increase provided for state employees;
- Language and funding are removed that provided incentive grants to localities that offer LEOS coverage to deputy sheriffs and regional jail officers based on the local fiscal stress index. Replaces with language requiring the Governor to include funding in the 2008 caboose bill to the General Assembly for any additional cost incurred by the Compensation Board as a result of localities electing to provide enhanced retirement benefits to their deputy sheriffs and regional jail officers prior to the mandatory LEOS coverage date of July 1, 2008 provided in SB1166;
- No further law enforcement positions are provided in addition to the 24 proposed in the Governor's budget bill – this will partially meet the need for 38 positions due in FY08 based upon the ratio of 1 deputy per 1500 locality population;
- Additional funding of \$9,000 is provided to compensate Sheriffs serving a county and city together with an additional \$1,000 annually;
- No further court services positions are provided; however the 9 positions currently funded in the Governor's budget bill for Sheriffs' offices in FY08 to address staffing standards are maintained;
- Provides additional per diem funding of \$3.1 million in FY07 to fully fund the increasing cost to localities for housing inmates in local and regional jail facilities;

- Funding of \$3.15 million is provided to meet approximately 50% of the cost of the remaining staff needed in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices. This will provide 39 assistant attorneys and 46 support staff positions in addition to the total of 23 positions currently funded in the budget bill for FY08;
- No further deputy Clerk positions are provided; however the 20 positions currently funded in the Governor's budget bill for Circuit Court Clerks' offices in FY08 to address staffing standards are maintained;
- No further deputy Treasurer positions are provided; however the 20 positions currently funded in the Governor's budget bill for Treasurers' offices in FY08 to address staffing standards are maintained;
- No further deputy Finance Director positions are provided; however the 9 positions currently funded in the Governor's budget bill for Finance Directors' offices in FY08 to address staffing standards are maintained;
- No further deputy Commissioner positions are provided; however the 18 positions currently funded in the Governor's budget bill for Commissioners of the Revenue's offices in FY08 to address staffing standards are maintained;
- Further exemptions to the moratorium on jail construction are provided to a number of local and regional jail facilities, as follows: Patrick County for a new local jail, with consideration required by the county of the possibility of participating in a regional jail; New River Valley Regional Jail Authority to proceed in planning for an expansion of the existing regional jail facility; Brunswick, Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg Counties to proceed with planning for a new regional jail; Patrick and Henry Counties and Martinsville City to proceed together with planning a new regional jail; additionally, language was removed for the participation of Sussex County in expansion planning with the Southside Regional Jail;

As you know, these matters remain subject to review or change at the upcoming "veto" session. Please call Charlotte Luck or me if you have any questions.

Attachment

cc: Compensation Board Staff

Viola D. Baskerville, Secretary of Administration
Michael E. McGinty, Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys
Deborah B. Robinson, Treasurers' Association of Virginia
Mitchell W. Nuckles, Commissioners of the Revenue Association of Virginia
Sheriff Thomas D. Jones, Sr., Virginia Sheriffs' Association
Larry B. Palmer, Virginia Court Clerks' Association
F. Glenn Aylor, Virginia Assoc. of Reg. Jail Superintendents, Inc.
Raymond A. Hundley, Virginia Association of Local Elected Constitutional Officers
Robert Q. Harris, Administrator, Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council
John W. Jones, Executive Director, Virginia Sheriffs' Association
Michael Amyx, Executive Director, Virginia Municipal League
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Dean Lynch, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Virginia Association of Counties
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HB1650 - Conference Report Amendments Summary - 2007 Session

Compensation Board & other Agencies/Items of interest:										
Item	Conference Number	Impacts	Description	SENATE		HOUSE		CONFERENCE		Comments/Action
				FY07	FY08	FY07	FY08	FY07	FY08	
59	1c	Sheriffs & RJ	Removes language and funding that provided incentive grants to localities that offer LEOS coverage to deputy sheriffs and regional jail officers based on the local fiscal stress index. Replaces with language requiring the Governor to include funding in the 2008 caboose bill to the General Assembly for any additional cost incurred by the Compensation Board as a result of localities electing to provide enhanced retirement benefits to their deputy sheriffs and regional jail officers prior to the mandatory LEOS coverage date of July 1, 2008 provided in SB1166.	-	-	-	(11,500,000)	-	(11,500,000)	Unclear what "additional cost" the CB would incur if localities opt into LEOS. Enactment clause of SB1166 indicates the Compensation Board will reimburse or make payment to localities for increased costs associated with opting into LEOS coverage for deputies, based upon the fiscal stress index and as appropriated. However, there is no longer language regarding application of fiscal stress index or appropriation to do so, and consequently no cost to be incurred beyond any standard increase in the locality's retirement rate the Board may ordinarily pay.
59	2c	Sheriffs & RJ	Provides a \$1000 per year salary supplement to Sheriffs that serve multiple jurisdictions (i.e. combined county/city offices)	-	9,000	-	-	-	9,000	Language needed in Item 59 to authorize payment of the \$1000 salary supplement.
60	1c	Jail Per Diems	Provides additional per diem funding of \$3.1 million in FY07 to fully fund the increasing cost to localities for housing inmates in local and regional jail facilities	3,103,848	-	-	-	3,103,848	-	
63	1c	Com Attys	Provides funding to meet 50% of assistant Commonwealth's Attorney and support staff positions due in Commonwealth's Attorneys' offices, in accordance with staffing standards.	-	3,150,000	-	-	-	3,150,000	Need corresponding amendment in Item 66 to add additional positions to the position count table, or needs to be completed during enrolling.

Other Agencies/Items - Related

384	1c, 2c, 3c, 5c	DOC	Provides exemptions to the moratorium on jail construction to a number of local and regional jail facilities, as follows: Patrick County for a new local jail; New River Valley Regional Jail Authority to proceed in planning for an expansion of the existing regional jail facility; Brunswick, Dinwiddie and Mecklenburg Counties to proceed with planning for a new regional jail; Patrick and Henry Counties and Martinsville City to proceed with planning a new regional jail	Language	Language	Language	Language	Language	Language	
384	4c	DOC	Eliminates the authorization for the Southside Regional Jail Authority to expand its membership and to proceed with planning for an expansion to include Sussex County	Language	Language			Language	Language	
461	Central 4c	Appropriations	Provides funding for an additional 1% salary increase, to provide for a total 4% salary increase on Nov 25, 2007 for state employees and on Dec 1, 2007 for state-supported local employees	-	-	-	16,861,390	-	21,161,390	

Other Agencies/Items - of Interest

30.1	2c	Supreme Court	Provides for an additional 4% salary increase for employees of District Courts effective November 25, 2007	-	2,546,646	-	-	-	2,037,317	
387	4c	DOC	Provides \$1.2 million to DOC to proceed with planning a new adult corrections facility to be located in Charlotte County			Language	Language	-	1,200,000	
C-290.40	1c	DOC	Provides \$99 million to DOC for construction of a new medium security facility in the Mount Rogers Planning District	-	99,000,000	-	-	-	99,000,000	
391	5c	DCJS	Provides for the Department of Criminal Justice Services to approve a new criminal justice training academy for Roanoke County that will be operated using local funds			Language	Language	Language	Language	
393	1c	DCJS	Removes proposed redistribution of 40% of HB599 funding to cities based on their violent crimes rates and continues the distribution according to the statutory formula currently in place, but holds harmless those localities that would otherwise have lost funding	Language	Language	Language	Language	-	1,116,050	
393	2c	DCJS	Provides language that requires localities that receive HB599 funding to certify annually the total amount of local support for public safety services and that HB599 funds were used to supplement rather than supplant local funding			Language	Language	Language	Language	